



# Grange Junior School

## Round Up Term 1 – Issue 4 – 2023

### Termly Value - RESPECT

#### Year 3

This week, Year 3 have started their first phase 3 write in the junior school. We retold the story of 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' from our point of view imagining we were a plastic bag in the ocean. We changed the sea creatures in our stories – some of us were eaten by sharks, stingrays, orcas or even nibbled by a penguin!

In Reading this week, we are again thinking about plastic pollution in our oceans. We were incredibly shocked to learn about The Great Pacific Garbage Patch. We were surprised to find out that it is as big as a country and that 8 million tons of plastic is dumped into the ocean each year!

#### Year 4

This week, year 4 had the opportunity to take part in a multiplication times tables championship with 15 other schools across Swindon. We came an amazing 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE!!!! Well done everyone that helped log those scores both at school and at home.

In maths this week, the children have been learning about rounding numbers to the nearest 10. They've really impressed us with their quick recall of which numbers round up and down.

In art, the children have been practising using oil pastels to form shapes in the fauvism art style. Thank you for keeping up the amazing reading at home!

#### Year 6

This week, we have been talking about our opportunities for leadership in Year 6. All children have been given the chance to apply for a leadership role in school, e.g. house captain, sports leader etc. it has been great to see a number of children have already submitted their application forms. The deadline is Monday so there is still plenty of time to apply. In art, we have been experimenting with techniques to use within our self-portraits in the style of the artist - Chuck Close. The children have shown some great drawing techniques and we look forward to beginning our final pieces next week. In Year 6, we have particularly enjoyed our history lessons on the Anglo-Saxons. The children have used a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about life during the Anglo-Saxon period. Ask your child to share an interesting fact with you.

#### Year 5

This week, we have been completing our Phase 3 write in English – our teachers very much enjoyed our modernized, twisted versions of different fairy tales.

In Maths, we have been working with negative numbers in context as well as extended our knowledge of Roman Numerals.

In Art, we have learnt how to draw a portrait using the correct proportion of the face.

We had a very eventful day celebrating European Languages Day: we have learnt some greetings in an African language; we have accompanied our song, Siyahamba using African jembe drums; finally, we had a food tasting session before we gathered together to complete the day with a year group assembly.

## **NUT FREE**

Please can we remind all parents that Grange Junior School is a NO NUT school and children should not be given nuts or products containing nuts. We have a number of children that are severely allergic to nuts and could have a severe reaction if they come into contact with them.

## **HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT**

Home school agreements have been given to children to bring home today if they are in Year 4, 5 or 6.

We kindly ask that you read and sign this agreement with your child and return to school by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.

## **YEAR 6 - SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS REMINDER**

If your child is now in Year 6 and you have not already done so, it is now time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2024. You will need to apply online - [https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions/424/secondary\\_school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/424/secondary_school_places_and_admissions)  
The deadline for applications is the 31st October 2023 to apply for their place.

## **SCHOOL READING VOLUNTEERS**

Grange Junior School are looking for parent helpers to hear the children read in school. reading is an important part of our curriculum. If you are able to offer any time to hear the children read, we would love to hear from you. You can make a real difference! Please contact the school office for more information.